

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 335

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Stanley and Michael Jolley on being named the 2008 Loggers of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Stanley and Michael Jolley are two such estimable citizens, who have recently been named the 2008 Loggers of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, the Jolleys have enjoyed remarkable success: 2005 production ran three million feet; 2007 production ran two million feet; and at the time the Jolleys were nominated for the award, well before the end of 2008, their production had already run to over one-and-a-half million feet. The Jolleys work approximately sixty tracks each year; and

WHEREAS, the Jolley family has a proud tradition of logging in Lincoln, Bedford, and Moore Counties; Alva Jolley, grandfather of Stanley and Michael, began logging in the 1950s, using mules in his early days in the business; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Alva Johnson bought his first John Deere dozer, making the leap from mule power to diesel power; since those early days, the Jolleys have become one of the leading families in Tennessee timber harvesting; and

WHEREAS, the Jolleys have cultivated a reputation for professionalism and customer satisfaction, operating their business according to the highest ethical standards; the Tennessee Division of Forestry has received several letters describing the Jolleys' conscientious stewardship of the land, their efforts to minimize water runoff, and the great care they take to leave their logging sites in the best order possible; and

WHEREAS, the Jolley family firmly believe in the use of logging contracts, and they insist on including detailed best management practice clauses in those contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Jolleys are as conscientious about safety as they are about good business practice; in the past decade, no reportable accidents have occurred in the course of their logging operations. Safety tailgate sessions are thorough and frequent for the Jolley family loggers; and

WHEREAS, good local citizens and community supporters, the Jolleys have donated time and money to veterans groups, local cemetery cleanup efforts, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, when Alva Jolley was still using mule power, there has been as strong an emphasis on family as there has been on logging; Stanley, Michael, Arliss, and Nathaniel Jolley are all master logger graduates; Stanley's wife, Kim, provides bookkeeping services for the logging business; and

WHEREAS, the Jolleys' enterprise epitomizes the critical core values that protect and increase our society's prosperity: respect for family and community, honesty in business, and observance of tradition; family businesses like theirs are truly a credit to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Stanley and Michael Jolley for their dedication to sound business, family values, and the well-being of their fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Stanley and Michael Jolley on being named the 2008 Loggers of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.